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Yamani on ABC

Needs decide oil output

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (Agencies) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani says that Saudi Arabia may continue to produce more than 8.5 million barrels a day of oil when it

In a television interview with Barbara Walters of ABC News Thursday, Yamani also said that oil "is a weapon used to help the West."

He said that the Saudi decision on whether to continue producing oil at 9.5 million barrels a day depends entirely on the world supply situation and the Kingdom's own internal revenue requirements.

The Kingdom raised production from 8.5 to 9.5 million barrels a day early in July, citing the need for increased revenue to finance internal development projects.

Asked by Miss Walters if the maintenance of a high level of production is in any way

linked to U.S. action on behalf of the Palestinians, Yamani said it is not.

But he said Saudi Arabia is committed to the formation of a Palestinian state on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We want what they want, and that is what they want," he said.

In the interview, Yamani discounting use of oil as a weapon for pressuring the West into a more pro-Arab stance.

"It is a weapon for good," he said.

Yamani arrived in Mexico later Thursday to discuss options for "international energy negotiations" with Mexican officials, the foreign ministry said.

A ministry statement said Yamani's three-day visit to Mexico will include talks with President Lopez Portillo, the foreign Minister Petroleos Mexicanos Director Jorge Diaz Serrano and other officials.

He was also to tour Mexico's oil fields and refining centers.

"Saudi Arabia is the principal oil exporter in the world and without a doubt the exchange of opinions and experiences between the two countries will be of enormous mutual interest," a Ministry of Petroleum statement said.

The Foreign Ministry said the visit "will offer an opportunity to exchange views on options for international energy negotiations and participation in the existing economic order, about which the president will speak during his visit to the United Nations."

Government officials have said Lopez Portillo is preparing an energy speech to be delivered at the United Nations, in which he will call for a world energy policy.

Mexico is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but raises its oil prices quarterly in keeping with OPEC prices.

Venezuela and Ecuador are the sole Latin American OPEC members.

Abdullah flies to Libya

TAIF, Aug. 31 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah flew to Libya Friday morning to attend the September 1st celebrations on behalf of King Khaled.

Prince Abdullah's visit to Libya came at the invitation of Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

The Prince is accompanied by Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaizat and Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani.

Numeiri ends visit

JEDDAH, Aug. 31 (SPA) — President Jaafar Numeiri of Sudan left here Friday for home after a visit to the Kingdom.

Numeiri, who arrived here Wednesday, held talks with King Khaled on bilateral relations and current developments. During his visit the Sudanese leader performed the Umrah, lesser pilgrimage, in Mecca.

Egypt: U.S. may accept PLO

CAIRO, Aug. 31 (AP) — Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil said Friday the Palestine Liberation Organization could gain acceptance by the United States if it renounced its raids against Israel.

The PLO could also achieve status as a negotiating party if it recognized Israel's right to exist, Khalil said.

In return for these two turnabouts in long-standing PLO strategy, Israel should stop its attacks on Southern Lebanon and recognize the Palestinians' right to self determination, Khalil said.

But Khalil said he doubted that the organization had the unity and strength to adopt such policies, which could allow it to enter the Middle East negotiating process.

Khalil, who is also Egypt's foreign minister and leader of negotiations with Israel, made the remarks in an interview with the state-owned Cairo Radio.

The suggestion that the PLO should stop shouting and start talking came at a time when the PLO is exploring various ways of gaining an international image as a moderate party in the Mideast conflict.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has said in

Castro, Tito to meet

Summit keys on Cambodia, Egypt

HAVANA, Aug. 31 (R) — Moderate members of the non-aligned conference Friday pinned hopes of avoiding a split at next week's summit on private talks between President Tito of Yugoslavia and his host President Fidel Castro of Cuba.

They were also expected to confer Friday. There were unconfirmed reports Thursday night of a planned informal dinner engagement but in the strict security surrounding the conference there was no confirmation it has actually taken place.

Cuba, which has issued the chairman's mantle from Sri Lanka for the coming three years, was angrily accused by moderates at foreign ministers' preparatory talks Thursday of arrogating to itself the right to exclude the ousted Pol Pot regime in Cambodia.

Meanwhile the Arab members of the movement voted Thursday to suspend Egypt's membership, but initial signs indicated their Third World colleagues will not go along with the demand.

If the group suspends Egypt, it would be the most severe measure ever taken against a member. Chile came the closest, when the last nonaligned summit in 1976 banned the government of Gen. Augusto Pinochet from attending but retained the country's membership.

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King flies to Geneva

TAIF, Aug. 31 (SPA) — King Khaled leaves here Saturday for Geneva on a private trip to Switzerland.

A royal decree was issued instructing Crown Prince Fahd to run the affairs of the state during the King's absence.

Earlier, Thursday King Khaled received the credentials of Sayed Javed Razavi (picture) as Iran's new ambassador to the Kingdom.

King Khaled also Friday cabled his congratulations to Sultan Tunku Ahmad Shah of Malaysia on his country's national day.

The King wished the Sultan health and happiness and the Malaysian people further progress and prosperity.



Razavi presents credentials

He received a message of thanks from President Muhammad Mahmoud Ould Ahmad Luli of Mauritania for his cable of best wishes on Eid-ul-Fitr at the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

'Heathen Communists'

Khomeini hits at Kurds

TEHRAN, Aug. 31 (AP) — Ayatollah Khomeini Friday accused Kurdish rebels of seeking to create a "heathen Communist state" and another influential cleric warned if armed resistance continued "we shall eliminate them no matter what the cost."

The outlawed Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP), which has taken up arms in an effort to obtain autonomy for four million Kurds living in western Iran, accused Khomeini of ordering the massacre of innocent Kurds.

Despite the strongly worded statements, both sides appeared determined to avoid a major military confrontation. A Kurdish goodwill delegation remained in the Iranian capital, and the government and rebel forces exchanged prisoners.

The official news agency Pars said 64 government soldiers held hostage were released by the rebel command in the Kurdish stronghold of Mahabad.

About 150 miles southeast of Mahabad, Pars said, 36 revolutionary guards and a like number of rebels who had been captured in recent fighting were exchanged in the Kurdish town of Paveh.

Sporadic clashes have been reported in recent days in the Kurdish region, but both sides have indicated the situation has remained generally calm with an unofficial ceasefire holding for the fifth straight day around Mahabad, where the government has positioned a large force.

In the only reported incident Friday, Pars said three army helicopters flying between the Kurdish towns of Baneh and Marivan were fired at by "counter-revolutionaries." One of the copters was believed to be carrying Deputy Prime Minister for Revolutionary Affairs Mustafa Chamran, but Pars said the three helicopters returned safely to base.

In a speech to pilgrims in the holy city of Qom, which was read over state radio, Khomeini accused Kurdish rebel leaders of "spreading Communist corruption" and said they were "opposed to Islam, God and human decency."

But a major portion of Khomeini's speech, delivered at the Faizeh Theological School in Qom, concentrated on Islam's concern for compassion and mercy and he reiterated promises that only leaders of the Kurdish rebels would be punished.

"I call the attention of the Kurdish people to the fact that they are immune from all persecution and revenge," Khomeini said, adding he would "meet their demands for welfare and dignity."

Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani, another influential cleric, told his followers "the door for negotiation is open if the Kurds have any sensible, logical demands to put forward."

Carter names new ambassador to U.N.

PLAINS, Georgia, Aug. 31 (R) — President Carter Friday announced he had chosen Donald McHenry, a professional diplomat to succeed Andrew Young as head of the U.S. mission to the United Nations.

McHenry, 42 is like Young, black.

He has been Young's deputy at the U.S. mission to the United Nations.

McHenry, whose nomination is subject to Senate confirmation, played a key role last weekend in the drama involving Bolshevik Ballerina Lyudmila Vlasova, whose husband, Alexander Godunov, defected in New York a few days earlier.

Young's resignation under fire two weeks ago led to allegations from black civil rights leaders that he had been sacrificed to further Israel's interest in the Middle East.

Ceausescu's adviser meets Begin

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31 (R) — One of Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu's closest advisers conferred Friday with Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin on Middle East affairs.

A spokesman for Begin said later that the meeting "was not entirely unexpected although Romanian asked that no prior publicity be given the visit."

The spokesman identified the special envoy as Vasile Pungu, who has been used by the Romanian leader as an emissary to the Mideast.

He has in the past delivered messages to Syrian President Hafez

Assad and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat.

No details were given on Ceausescu's message to Begin, but an Israeli spokesman said it was probably concerned with the Romanian leader's earlier visits to Assad and Arafat.

The president of Romania, the only East European country maintaining diplomatic relations with Israel, has long taken a special interest in the Middle East and played a key role in arranging Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in 1977.

Carter says no Palestine state urged

PLAINS, Georgia, Aug. 31 (R) — President Carter says he has never met an Arab leader who called privately for an independent Palestinian state despite public calls for one.

In an interview Thursday with a group of news editors in Tampa, Florida, Carter also denied that Saudi Arabia had linked its recent decision to increase oil production with a demand that he should recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The text of the interview was released Friday at the president's home in Plains.

Discussing the PLO's demand for an independent Palestinian state, Carter recalled that he had met the leaders of Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Egypt since he took office in 1977.

"I have never met an Arab leader that in private professed a desire for an independent Palestinian state," he added.

During the interview, Carter reaffirmed the policy of refusing to negotiate with the PLO until the organization accepts Israel's right to exist.

Saying that it was President Nixon who had made the original commitment to Israel that the U.S. would not negotiate with the PLO, Carter added: "It was not my policy. I have endorsed that policy and I will carry it out."

He also told the editors to stop making accusations that Arab countries were using oil as a weapon to blackmail him in the Middle East.

"There has never been any allegation made to me, or any instruction made to me, by an Arab or other foreign leader that if you don't do so and so we will cut off your supply of oil," he said.

"I wouldn't let you blackmail me and would not let an Arab country b*h* it off our nation," the president added.

The president was asked if he was willing to go to war if Arab countries cut off oil supplies to the United States, but replied that the question was hypothetical and would not answer it directly.

He said he had analyzed all options open to the United States if oil supplies were stopped and said he would take whatever action he thought was needed to protect U.S. security.

"If you study the straight military aspects of it, which has been done by my predecessors and which I have reviewed, it is a very difficult military question," he said.

"I am trying to get our nation in the posture, first of all, of reasonable friendship toward the OPEC nations...

"I would do everything I could to avoid a

total moratorium on violence."

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He declared the debate closed, left the council chamber and told reporters, "I would like to see the cease-fire become a

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U.S.-Saudi Joint Commission study

Four power firms proposed for Kingdom

JEDDAH, Aug. 31 — The U.S.-Saudi Joint Commission has proposed that the Kingdom's electrical supply industry be given over to four major companies, working in cooperation.

Theodor Wahl, the assistant general manager of the commission's office in Riyadh, was quoted in *Al-Riyadh* Friday as saying that the study his team had made of Saudi Arabia's power requirements over the next 25 years had cost \$20 million, and taken three years to complete.

"We have put forward a number of proposals," Wahl said, "from which the best will be chosen."

He said the commission did not want to bring American experts in to work with Saudi ministries.

Rather, it wanted to replace the American with the Saudi, and much hope had been pinned on Saudis now studying in the United States to come back to administrative posts.

The commission had also finished feasibility studies on a solar-power village in the Kingdom. Costs had been assessed, as had technological and technical considerations. United States government agencies helped the studies, and Washington is paying half the costs.

Wahl said there were no limits to the projects the Joint Commission could undertake. "We make complete feasibility studies of the projects awarded us. As you know, we are a government

agency, so we don't look for profit." Linking with the United States, "we cover agriculture, water, education, electricity, industry and other areas."

He said that these further schemes were being carried out by the commission:

Developing the Saudi statistical base, including assessing population levels and commercial figures, over five years.

Consulting on irrigation, agriculture, land use, soils and rural development, on a contract with no fixed end.

Helping to develop the Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology, under a contract with no fixed limit.

Building and developing vocational training centers over years.

Developing the Asir National Park, over four years.

Building a technology research and training center, over eight years.

Developing consumer protection by the Ministry of Commerce through commodities inspection, over five years.

Providing consultation on and analysis of financial information and building a statistical center, under a contract with no fixed time limit.

Helping manage and provide technical services for highway development, over six years.

Providing technical assistance to the General Bureau for Tenders.

Consulting for and training staff of the Customs Department.

Developing government purchasing.

Supplying equipment for the Nasseriyah power plant and expanding its capacity.

Providing technicians in administration and training for communications and transport, including helping to set up the Saudi Public Transport Company.

Providing technical information and training for the Agricultural Credit Bank, over five years.

Developing the executive skills of senior government officials, under a contract with no fixed time limit.

Industry okays must be vetted

JEDDAH, Aug. 31 (SPA) — The Ministry of Industry and Electricity will neither receive nor register any application for an industrial license which has not been completed and checked by a ministry official.

A statement issued Wednesday urged applicants to submit complete and comprehensive applications to avoid delay.

Dr. Fadl Farsi, deputy minister for industry, said that information catalogues will not be required from applicants bidding for projects under SR 10 million. But details of machinery to be used must be supplied, no matter how small the project.

Priority for licenses would be given those who have finished other work and who have already successfully executed projects for the ministry.

100 beds

Eye hospital for Jeddah

JEDDAH, Aug. 31 — A 100-bed eye hospital will be built in Jeddah shortly to meet increasing demand, Health Director for the Western Region Dr. Abdul Aziz Abbar said.

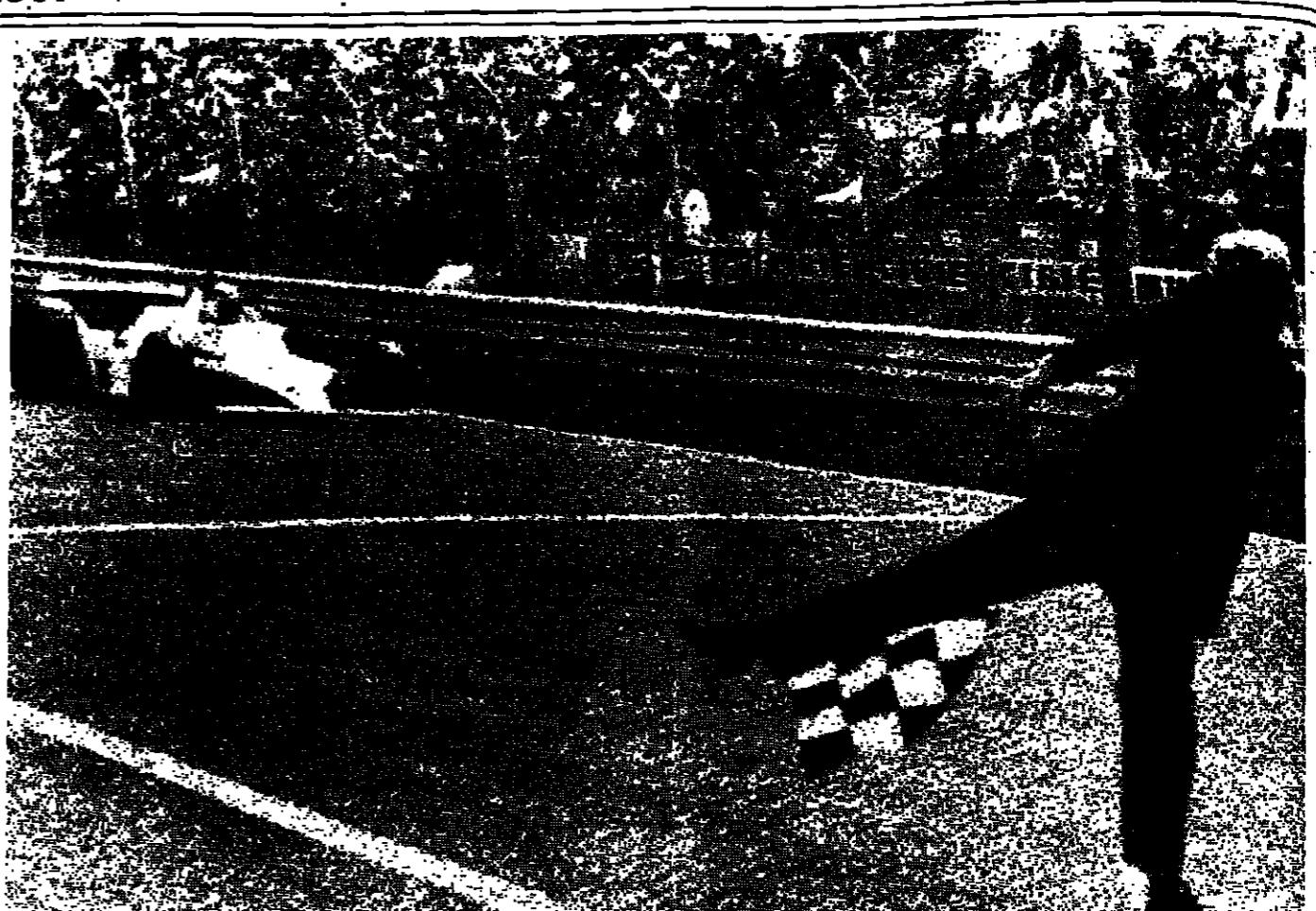
The hospital will be on Macarona road, in the north east of Jeddah not far from Crown Prince Fahd bridge. Plans have already been submitted to the health minister for approval. The existing eye hospital is considered inadequate, as the population of

Jeddah has nearly quadrupled since it was built.

University

JEDDAH, Aug. 31 — The Faculty of Medicine at King Abdul Aziz University has decided to admit candidates with a 95 per cent record at the entrance examination, according to its dean, Dr. Abdullah Basalamah.

He said the high grade was fixed because of the large number of students 400 competing for only 80 seats.



ANOTHER WIN: Australian Alan Jones wins the Dutch Grand Prix at Zandvoort last Sunday, the most recent of an unbroken series of victories for the Saudia-Williams Saudi-sponsored team.

Sweeping the Grand Prix circuit

Behind the triumphs of the Saudia racers

JEDDAH, Aug. 31 — A green and white car flashed across the winning line well ahead of the rest of the field in the British Grand Prix. In the next big race in Germany, those green and white cars coasted into first and second places. On August 12, the team chalked up yet another comfortable win, in the Austrian Grand Prix. The Austrian Grand Prix also fell last week to the Al-Bilad Saudia Williams team.

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Nothing succeeds like success and that is precisely what Williams has been providing: after a seemingly endless run of bad luck and frustrations for the team's drivers, Alan Jones and Clay Regazzoni.

Frank Williams heads a dedicated company of just 46 people who put together the cars in the workshop in a small factory at Didcot, near Oxford. This year, they have built three cars, one for each of the drivers and one spare and have

run and maintained them at races on several continents.

It is an expensive business: for

1979, the Saudi consortium has

put up \$1 million in sponsorship

money. Next year, when entirely

new cars will have to be built, the

group has agreed to back Williams

to the tune of \$4 million.

"It sounds a lot of money," Williams says, "but it is not excessive compared with the resources the other teams have. One Italian company alone has 150 people in its racing team."

What makes the Williams cars,

using the same Cosworth-Ford

engine as many of their rivals, so

much quicker?

The secret lies mainly in their

aerodynamics. On the underside

of the bodywork there is an area

like an aerofoil, similar to a wing

on a plane, mounted upside

down.

Air passes underneath and cre-

ates a vacuum which actually

sucks the car to the ground. The

faster the car goes, the more it is

pulled towards the track's surface

— and that means far more effec-

tive tire grip on corners and

hence, faster cornering. Spring-

loaded sliding "skirts" make con-

tinuous contact with the racing

surface to prevent air escaping and

ruining the vacuum effect.

Many of the materials used in

the construction of the cars them-

selves are more usually associated

with aircraft, although the men

who make the Williams machines

are mostly craftsmen with long

associations with the car industry

— many of them once worked for

British Leyland which has its MG

sports car factory not far away.

These men are the heart of the

Williams team. They are quite

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Salary: Salary and allowances will be KD. 494 (Saudi Riyals 5,960/-) per month or more depending on qualifications and experience.

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Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Education or equivalent degree. Must have at least 7 years experience in teaching and/or training including 3 years in supervisory/administration role. Must be fluent in English.

Salary: Salary and allowances will be KD. 549 (Saudi Riyals 6,620/-) per month or more depending on qualifications and experience.

In addition to the salary and allowances, the Company grants housing allowance, medical treatment, savings and thrift plan, educational assistance to eligible dependent children, and other benefits according to Company policy.

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B Position Title: 2 TRANSLATORS

Basic Functions: Translates from Arabic into English and from English into Arabic as appropriate. Interprets the same in meetings when required. Translation includes general and technical materials.

Requirements: Must be a University graduate with a minimum of five years experience. Must be fluent in Arabic and English. Candidates not having these requirements will not be considered.

Salary: Gross salary per month including allowances is:

for bachelor KD 340 (SR 4,097) or more

for married KD 377 (SR 4,542) or more

depending on qualifications. Benefits include free medical care, savings and thrift plan and others.

Candidates who do not submit detailed resume of past experience will not be considered.

C Position Title: 3 MANAGEMENT SECRETARIES OR EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES (MALE OR FEMALE)

Basic Function: Performs routine and complicated office duties including typing, dictation, filing and correspondence.

Requirement: Must possess a high degree of initiative and responsibility. Must be experienced in English typing and dictation, filing and general office procedures. Arabic language and Arabic typing will be considered an added asset. Must be fluent in English.

Salary: Gross salary per month including allowances will be:

for bachelor KD 340.00 (SR 4,097.00)

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or more depending on qualifications. Benefits include free medical care, savings and thrift plan, etc.

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- 2) Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources
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Kuwait City, Kuwait

Rebel leader urges Muslims to help defeat Kabul regime

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 31 (AP) — A prominent leader of the Afghan Liberation Front has appealed to the Muslim nations of the world, particularly Pakistan, to support the Islamic rebellion against the Communist government of Afghanistan.

The Mujahedin (Islamic fighters) are waging a war against the Afghan government, which is using Soviet help in its attempt to quell the rebellion. Maulana Fazal Ali Mujaddadi of the Liberation Front said "if the present armed struggle by the Front against the Taraki government fails, then, Pakistan and other Muslim countries will not be able to save themselves from the onslaught of communism."

In another development, a newspaper in Pakistan reported Wednesday that Soviets have taken over much of the task of crushing the dissidents. It said Soviet forces were being relied on heavily in the bombing of insurgent positions.

Before leaving for Cuba

Zia bids Afghanistan neighborly relations

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 31 (AP) — President Gen. Zia Ul-Haq offered to have "friendly and peaceful relations" with neighboring Afghanistan in a nationwide radio and television address.

Zia made the offer Thursday on the eve of his departure to head the Pakistani delegation at the nonaligned summit at Havana, Cuba.

He said Pakistan's relations with Afghanistan have been friendly, but that the change in the Kabul government in April 1978 has "created more difficulties for

Mujaddadi told reporters at a news conference, "it is the bound duty of the Muslim countries to support the Islamic rebellion against the Communist government of Afghanistan."

55 soldiers flee from Afghanistan

TEHRAN, Aug. 31 (R) — Fifty-five Afghan soldiers have fled over the border from Afghanistan bringing their arms and ammunition with them, the official Pars news agency reported.

Pars said the men and their arms had been handed over to the gendarmerie in Zahedan, near the Afghan border in south-western Baluchistan province.

The Afghan society of Zahedan has asked that the arms be returned to the deserters so that they could cross back over the border and join the Muslim rebellion against the Soviet-backed government of President Nur Muhammad Taraki, Pars said.

help Afghan Mujahedin morally and financially."

Criticizing the government of President Nur Muhammad Taraki, the rebel leader said "the Communist government in Afghanistan is perpetrating brutalities on the Afghan Muslims. Thousands of people have been killed, while jails are full of prisoners. Mujaddadi said "all the Muslim organizations in Afghanistan are united under one banner and are effectively controlling a vast area of Afghanistan. If the present situation persists, it is a matter of three months for the Mujahedin to reach Kabul," the Afghan capital.

He told a correspondent that Russian personnel are operating the Afghan air force, which is being used against the rebels.

The newspaper also said businessmen of Indian origin have withdrawn most of their money from Afghan banks and transferred it to banks in India and Britain, creating financial problems for Afghanistan.

In Peshawar, Hizbe Islami (Islamic Front), one of the rebel organizations fighting Afghanistan, said in a statement that the rebels have killed troops from a government army brigade operating in the Astar province. The offensive was reportedly launched by the rebels in cooperation with army officers who had joined hands with the dissidents.

It also said the rebels have killed the governor of Kunhar Province. The two claims could not be confirmed.

The press release said four Soviet-made helicopters equipped with machine guns attacked the rebels in Kunhar Province. All four helicopters were shot down, killing the soldiers on board, it said.

Pakistan has never tried to take advantage of the internal difficulties in Afghanistan," he added.

He said Pakistan was the first Muslim nation in the world to recognize the Taraki government.

By new Pakistani law

Foreign-funded parties disqualified from polls

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 31 (AP) — The Pakistan government has written a new law to disqualify foreign-funded political parties from contesting the national elections, set for Nov. 17, President Gen. Zia Ul-Haq announced.

Zia said in a radio and television broadcast Thursday that he wants to leave the country "in safe and strong hands" when he hands over power to the elected civilian representatives after the elections. The country will elect a national assembly and four legislatures of the provinces (states) of Punjab, Sind, Baluchistan and North West Frontier.

Executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and an anti-Bhutto grouping called Pakistan National Alliance, as

well as several other parties, are in the field to contest the November polls.

Zia did not specify which party could be banned from the polls. In recent months reports have appeared in the domestic press linking the PPP to foreign money — including some coming from Middle East countries whose rulers are friendly to Bhutto during his seven year rule which ended in July 1977.

He said any party which works against the Islamic ideology of Pakistan, propagates violence, and creates hatred against the judiciary or the armed forces will lose its registration — and thus be debarred from the election.

Its members will also stand debarred from the contest in their individual capacity.

The rebels also said they attacked a post in the Shaal area and captured the village. Several Russian military officers were killed in the fighting, the statement claimed.

Reports from across the border in Afghanistan said the Taraki government has appointed several groups which have been asked to arrest deposed Afghan King Zahir Shah and bring him back to Afghanistan. King Zahir Shah was deposed in 1974 and now lives in Italy. According to the report, the groups have instructions to bring King Zahir Shah back to Afghanistan — dead or alive.

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In Turkey

Election politics seen stirring Kurdish issue

By Philip Issa

ANKARA, Aug. 31 (R) — With twice as many ethnic Kurds in Turkey as there are in Iran, there is no doubt that Turkish governments feel apprehensive whenever Iranian Kurds rise in arms against their Persian leaders.

It also said the rebels have killed the governor of Kunhar Province. The two claims could not be confirmed.

The press release said four Soviet-made helicopters equipped with machine guns attacked the rebels in Kunhar Province. All four helicopters were shot down, killing the soldiers on board, it said.

The rebels claimed they have shot down a Soviet-made MiG-17 with anti-aircraft fire. The rebels attacked a government army post in Frangarpar area and captured a large quantity of arms and ammunition after killing the soldiers.

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'I am not happy' as premier

Singh denies defection charges

NEW DELHI, Aug. 31 (AP) — Caretaker Prime Minister Charan Singh, heckled Thursday as a "master defector," denied that he had defected or that he even wanted to be prime minister.

"In fact, I did not seek the office. I was somehow caught in it and frankly I am not happy," Singh said in Hyderabad, southern India.

The 76-year-old leader has been quoted in earlier statements as saying it was his lifelong ambition to be prime minister. That was before he resigned Aug. 20 when his government faced certain defeat in a parliamentary confidence vote. He will remain as caretaker until elections in December.

Police removed a young man in the Hyderabad audience who stood up and shouted, "down with the master defector." Singh, who entered national politics only in 1977, was chosen to form a government after his supporters in July deserted former Prime Minister Moraji Desai's party, costing Desai his majority in parliament. Earlier, Singh had a reputation for bringing down state governments

by crossing party lines.

"What happened in July, Singh said, was that 100 out of 200 left the party and that is a split, not a defection." During a debate on proposed anti-defection bills, he said, it was accepted that it is not defection if more than 10 to 15 per cent of a party leaves.

Singh, who has criticized com-

unist efforts to collectivize industry and agriculture, said in a Calcutta magazine interview Thursday that he and the communists "are allies in the sense that they are as much for the poor as I am, and they see in me a friend of theirs, a well-wisher of the poor."

But he added in *Sunday* magazine that he differs with the communists in that they favor state-run large economic units "whereas I believe in small economic units run by the individual."

"My attitude toward communists is what it always was," he added, when asked by *Sunday* if he had stopped being hostile to the communists after the pro-Soviet Communist Party of India backed his petition.

Bhardwaj's lawyer, P.N. Lekhi asked the court to consider whether a person "described by the home minister in his official capacity as home minister as a spy of the foreign power can be constitutionally included in a council of ministers."

The high court set Sept. 6 for its next hearing on the petition to remove Bahuguna.

Indian newspapers have reported that April 2, 1978, when Singh was Desai's home affairs minister, wrote Desai a letter demanding that Bahuguna be fired as petroleum minister because he was corrupt, was known as a KGB agent and was an instigator of communism.

The papers said Desai passed the Singh letter on to Bahuguna, who replied in writing that it was "trash" and "the work of a mentally-deranged person." One newspaper ultimately published what it said were texts of the two letters.

Mulder acquitted of charge of snubbing probe queries

PRETORIA, Aug. 31 (AP) — A South African Supreme Court justice Thursday cleared a key figure in the government's information scandal of charges he refused to answer questions about illegal schemes by American newspaper

Former Minister of Information Connie Mulder was acquitted and discharged by Justice W. Boshoff, who ruled that the Commission's mandate calling for testimony did not extend to the purchase of the *Sacramento (California) Union*, efforts to buy the *Washington Star* or to a printing contract for the state-owned magazine *Panorama*.

Boshoff said the investigating

commission was empowered to question Mulder only on the basis of its first report, and not on developments in the scandal that were uncovered afterwards.

The trial lasted only two days.

The commission found in its final report that Michigan publisher John McGoff, president of Panax Corp., received South African loans totalling \$11,350,000 to buy into U.S. newspapers as part of a multimillion dollar global propaganda campaign to improve South Africa's image.

American authorities are investigating McGoff's business dealings.

Numerous radio ads in local black languages lauding the Botha trip generated little enthusiasm, however.

"It doesn't mean anything for us," said Godfrey Moloi, king of the Shebeen Alabama. But he added, "It might be good if he does something to stop them from raising rents."

Shebeens are illegal cafes, and their owners are known as kings or queens.

Moloi, whose income is many times higher than the average here, said, "You live your life here waiting to die. When you die you are happy."

A group of teenage boys said they did not plan to see Botha "unless they make us go."

Mthatho Motlana, unofficial mayor here, said he would not meet with Botha despite an invitation. "If he came to my house I would invite him in for coffee, and we would talk about the coffee, but not substantive issues." Motlana has repeatedly refused to negotiate with Botha's government until all apartheid laws, especially those requiring blacks to carry permits to be in white areas, are lifted.

Surveys indicate Motlana's Soweto Committee of Ten has much more support than the government-backed Soweto Community Council. The council, which was elected in voting that drew less than 10 per cent of the official adult population, invited Botha to tour the city.

Fresh flowers lined the stairway in the council headquarters, formerly the government-run Urban Bantu Council building. And hope was high that Botha planned some kind of announcement of aid for a

city with a budget deficit of more than \$ 8 million.

Leslie Schume, council secretary, said its members hoped Botha would announce the white government will pay at least half of the deficit. The council also hoped Botha would grant it the same powers white municipalities have.

Up to now, Botha's party has refused to grant blacks or other minorities any representation in parliament. In the past two years have urban blacks been allowed even limited self-government in municipalities.

The National Party regards all blacks as residents of 10 rural homelands, with rights in these tribal "homelands," which are akin to Indian reservations in America.

Piet Koornhof, who handles black affairs for Botha, this week suspended planned rent increases that would have raised, in stages, rents by up to 100 per cent by early 1980. But Koornhof refused to say where he expected the Soweto council to get the money needed to meet the budget deficit.

Past rent increases had led to massive demonstrations.

Motlana said any such protests were unlikely to lead to violence now, as occurred in 1976 when more than 700 blacks died in disturbances that began here and spread throughout the country.

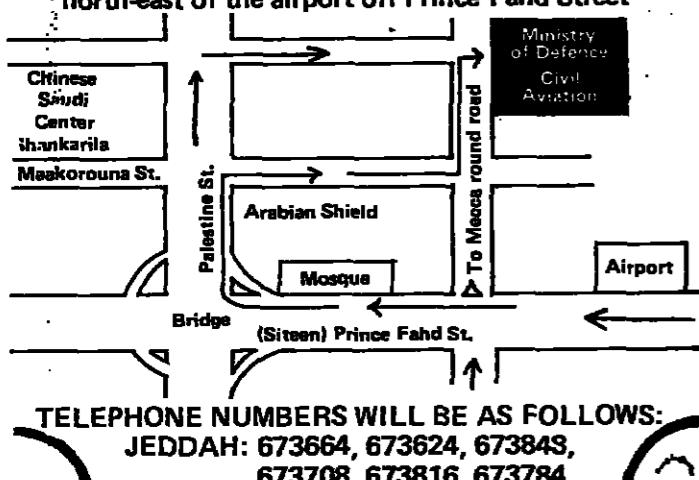
"The security police have done a good job since then, arresting the leaders in the community and student leaders," Motlana said.

He added since whites had forced blacks to live here

"because they don't want to see us or smell us — because they think we smell bad — they can pay for the privilege."

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STROLL IN MARKET: U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale takes a walk Sunday through a market district in Peking. Mondale, who concluded a 6-day visit to China Friday, was to arrive in Hong Kong Saturday to examine refugee camps first hand.

To tour refugee camps

Mondale to pay visit to Hong Kong today

HONG KONG, Aug. 31 (R) — U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale was to arrive here Saturday for a two-day visit aimed at examining the Vietnamese refugee problem first hand.

Mondale was to arrive in the British colony by train after completing a week-long tour of China and will leave early Monday for Japan.

He has orders to report back directly to President Jimmy Carter on the refugee situation and almost all his program here is related to this issue.

Hong Kong, already overcrowded by its own five million population, is reluctant host to the largest number of boat people in Asia. About 67,000 are crammed into camps awaiting resettlement abroad.

Mondale's host will be the governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, who earlier this year visited Washington and New York as part

of an international tour to appeal for greater help in resettling the refugees.

The flow into the colony has slowed, but by no means stopped, since the United Nations Geneva conference in July at which Hanoi pledged to cut the exodus. In August more than 3,000 arrived in Hong Kong.

American officials here said about 1,000 Vietnamese a month are being resettled in the United States from Hong Kong, a big jump in the figure two months ago.

During his visit Mondale will tour one of the biggest camps in

Pioneer's first close-ups give new details of Saturn

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., Aug. 31 (AP) — Pioneer 11, taking the best pictures ever seen of Saturn and its famous rings, revealed Thursday a pale yellow planet wearing a light blue cap on its north pole.

The rings cast a deep line of shadow across the cloudy, churning surface.

The unmanned spacecraft, after 6½ years in space, was operating well as it closed to within 1.2 million miles of the planet, said Charles Hall, project manager for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Pioneer 11 is racing at 23,000 mph toward the second biggest of the solar system's nine planets and was to pass within 13,000 miles of the cloud tops Saturday.

Pioneer's telescope camera will return pictures of the planet and some of its 10 moons. From almost 1 billion miles away, the radio signals carrying the pictures at the speed of light take 85 minutes to reach earth.

"The resolution is now better than the very best of earth-based photographs of Saturn," camera team leader Tom Gehrels of the

Hong Kong, at Sham Shui Po, where about 13,000 refugees are housed in an old warehouse.

He will also meet representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other international organizations and voluntary agencies concerned with refugee resettlement and assistance.

While in Hong Kong the vice president will hear from U.S. ambassadors to the ASEAN countries, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore they are the other nations providing temporary shelter for the refugees.

On Sunday Mondale will fly by helicopter to the 65,000-ton *USS Midway*, one of the carriers in the Seventh Fleet which has orders to pick up refugees if they are sighted.

The ship has not rescued any refugees but an escort ship, the guided missile destroyer *USS Parsons*, picked up 21 Aug. 3. They were taken to the Philippines.

In Canton earlier, Mondale officially opened the first American consulate in China for 30 years on the 11th floor of Canton's biggest hotel, the Dong Fang.

Mondale pulled a blue velvet curtain off a plaque on the wall of the new consulate to complete the ceremony, and said the U.S. and China were negotiating a new consular treaty which will provide for more consulates in both countries.

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Sirhan Sirhan on RFK's death, the years in jail

By Cynthia Gorney

First of two parts

"He would be a grandfather."

"He would have finished his two terms as president and at 53, Robert Kennedy would be devoting a good part of his time to his family. The absence of day-to-day pressures would enable him to go with the young children, one by one, on the kinds of educational trips he took as a young man — with Justice Douglas to Russia and alone to the Middle East in 1948.

"He would still be a public man. He would be available for difficult diplomatic missions on special assignment — a young Averell Harriman. He would be a force of conscience — refusing to let us ignore the poor. He'd be pressing women's issues ... He'd be organizing the effort to break the OPEC cartel.

"He would not be practicing law — he would not be teaching — he would not be a senator or a congressman, nor a governor nor a Supreme Court justice. He couldn't sit still long enough, even at 53. In short, he'd still be Robert Kennedy, and I still miss him."

— Joe Dolan, Robert Kennedy's administrative assistant 1965-68

SOLEDAD, Calif. — He speaks of religion, of Rosalynn Carter, of reverence for human life, of the Magna Carta, of God. He speaks several times of God. His eyes, large and dark, keep watching for reaction: It has been 10 years since he sat before a woman who was not a prison official or his mother. "Do you understand me?" His voice is anxious. "Am I relating to you?"

His hair is thick, black and wavy; his skin the color of untreated leather. Short, deep lines furrow down from either side of his nose. He is a small man, hard in the shoulders and arms, and the smile now is spreading wide across his face.

"I have made my peace with myself, ma'am," he says. "And with my God. And I've indicated my desire to make my peace with the whole of humanity. Even those Jews."

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, age 35, Prisoner B21014, State Correctional Training Facility, Soledad, has taken the end seat at the conference table in PHU 1, the maximum security area where he has spent the last seven years. The letters stand for Protective Housing Unit, which is the State of California's way of saying that Sirhan is in semi-isolation; he and 124 other prisoners of varying notoriety spend their days moving on schedule between single-bed cells, a barred and narrow common area, and a small recreation yard where they remain segregated from the rest of the prison. Sirhan's fellow PHU 1 inmates have included one of the men who kidnapped and buried a school bus full of children in Chowchilla, Calif., and Juan Corona, who was convicted of murdering 25 farm workers and burying their mutilated bodies in the feather River Valley.

"A routine of monotony," Sirhan says. "Period. You just wake up in the morning; they feed you; you have a lockup. One side of the building comes out one day and another side comes out another day ... You feel like a Pavlovian animal." The heavy midmorning light of the Salinas Valley comes through the conference room window. The window is barred. The pane is tattered with lead, so that even if shattered the glass would cling in place in shards. Sirhan wears a white T-shirt, blue jeans and a solid prison-issue belt around his narrow waist.

He says he did not eat breakfast.

He says he was too nervous to eat.

He says he would like to make it known that he is remorseful, that he believes it was wrong to have killed another human being, that he feels sorrow at having murdered a father and husband.

He also says he has been in prison long enough.

Sirhan Sirhan, who wrenched aside the 1970s with the force that history gives only to political assassins, wants to go home.

California Democratic primary, Los Angeles, 1968. The time comes back in shredded nightmare: the crowded ball-room at the Ambassador Hotel, the elated candidate, the noisy crush of friends and reporters. "I want to express my gratitude," said the candidate, smiling into the crowd, "to my dog friends."

It was just past midnight, June 5. Robert Francis Kennedy, the New York senator with the soaring hopes and the thick brown hair falling over his forehead, had just pulled 198 California delegates and 46 per cent of the popular vote. "I think we can end the divisions within the United States," Kennedy said. "... the violence, the disentanglement with our society ... We are a great country, an unselfish country and a compassionate country. I intend to make that my basis for running." Then he stepped away from the speaker's platform, through a gold curtain, and into the stainless steel-lined serving kitchen where Sirhan Sirhan shot him to death.

The assassin was a thin little blur — burnished skin, black disheveled curls. He shouted: "Kennedy, you son of a bitch!" He pointed a small black .22 caliber revolver at Kennedy's head, and fired, and Kennedy went down, and the expression on Sirhan's face bore into the memory of at least one witness: "A very sick-looking smile."

"Let me explain!" Sirhan screamed afterward, as football player Roosevelt Grier and Olympic star Rafer Johnson hurried their huge bodies onto his, holding him down, shielding him from the crowd. "I can explain," Sirhan cried. "I did it for my country. I love my country." Robert Kennedy's head bled out into the pantry. For a long time afterward — after he had been pronounced dead at Good Samaritan Hospital, and the New York City mourners had waited all night outside St. Patrick's Cathedral for a glimpse of his funeral, and the slow train south had carried his body past weeping crowds down to Arlington Cemetery, and his coffin had been lowered by candlelight into the earth near the grave of his murdered older brother — long after all that was over, it was the dying that clung to memory, the picture of the presidential candidate bleeding to death on a Los Angeles kitchen floor.

Sirhan was identified within hours as a Christian Palestinian Arab, but many Americans were not entirely sure, 11 years ago on the historically pro-Israel United States, what that meant. June 5 was the first anniversary of the Six-Day War, in which Israel took the Sinai, the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem. Palestinian guerrillas had not yet attracted much American attention, and most of the nation shared a profound ignorance of the political time bomb that was the Palestinian Problem.

In the following weeks, and especially during the

arab news



trial, Sirhan's cry of "I did it for my country" became clearer: Robert Kennedy, a firm supporter of Israel who had just reiterated his proposal that 50 Phantom jets be sent to the Israelis, had been murdered by a Jerusalem-born Arab who had apparently spent much of his childhood watching the violence that ultimately expelled many Palestinians from the new nation of Israel.

He trains with weights. He can press 300 pounds, but he is uneasy about making that known, because he says people will think he is big and mean. "That's the public image of me, the impression of me, is that I'm a very big monster person, as if I'm a big ghoulish of some sort. And when they look at me and see my size... it baffles them. The facts do not fit the propaganda."

The smile again: quick, hesitant, uncertain. He seemed anxious at first, stiff and awkward in his hard-backed chair; now he leans forward on his elbows, hungry for audience. "Relax," he says softly, as though savoring the interview. "You're too quick."

He has been described, in the years since June 1968, in wildly contrasting ways.

He has been described as a paranoid schizophrenic — who sought inner knowledge from mail-order Rosicrucian texts, who hypnotized himself in the bathroom mirror until at one point Robert Kennedy's face flickered in to replace his own, who wrote unevenly into private notebooks, over and over.

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Robert Fitzgerald
Kennedy must soon die
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die die die die
My determination to
eliminate RFK is becoming
more the more
of an unshakeable
obession

He has been described as a cold political assassin, practicing at the target range all day before the shooting, carrying a loaded gun to the Ambassador Hotel, asking several times whether Kennedy would pass through the pantry.

"Sirhan is saner than you or me," Carmen Falzone, a former Soledad convict who said he has spent time with Sirhan in PHU 1, told a Playboy interviewer last year. "He told me he made up all that trance and hypnosis stuff... He told me the love for the Kennedy's was declining, so now he wanted to make himself look more sympathetic in media... I found out Sirhan was highly intelligent, one-directional, emotionless, and suspicious, the perfect terrorist."

And finally he has been described as a quiet boy, a bookish boy, a lonely foreigner, traumatized in childhood and pushed finally into obsessional madness by discovery that the senator he admired was a long time supporter of Israel. His mother still lets loose with the litany of horrors she says the boy Sirhan witnessed in Jerusalem 30 years ago: the soldier blown apart by dynamite, his dismembered leg hanging off the bell tower of the Anglican church; the severed hand that floated up in the bucket Sirhan had just dipped into a well; the army truck, swerving away from gunfire, that struck and killed Sirhan's older brother.

"It breaks my heart. I nearly died in those days, it breaks my heart," Mary Sirhan says on the telephone from her home in Pasadena. "He can't help it." She says his letters to her with a blessing in Arabic: "God is able, and his hand never gets short."

"I don't think of myself as a killer," Sirhan says. "I'm just a human being, like everybody else. The whole idea of killing people is so offensive to me, it's so alien to everything I've been brought up with, and my values... it's hard for me to recognize it as an event even — not even being aware of actually pulling out a gun and aiming it at another human being and pumping away. It's contrary to my upbringing as a Christian."

It has been stipulated, as one of the conditions for this interview, that Sirhan Sirhan will not be asked in detail about the shooting, the days that led up to it, or the various conspiracy theories that some people believe have never been adequately explored. (Most of those theories center around controversial ballistics testing that led some observers to conclude that a second gun must have been used in the murder.)

He says only, as he has in the past, that he cannot remember the shooting.

He says he cannot remember any gathering he attended with Robert Kennedy, cannot remember planning his act.

"In fact I was a supporter of (Robert) Kennedy. I was an admirer. That great exhortation of the presi-

dent — 'ask not what you can do for your country' — I think that had quite an impact on my mind."

He says he only dimly remembers having seen the May 1968 video documentary about Robert Kennedy that was said to have outraged Sirhan with its delineation of Kennedy's admiration for Israel.

Does he remember the notebooks? "No." A sympathetic smile. "The greatest regrets."

He says the evidence and testimony at his trial showed that when he shot Kennedy he was in a trance, drunk on four Tom Collinses, and overwhelmed by the noise and bright lights. "I must have been beside myself" he says. "They say I'm lying, and all that. Well, damn it, if you don't want to believe it, don't. But that is the cold fact."

On April 23, 1969, after a jury had convicted him of first degree murder, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to die in the gas chamber at San Quentin prison. He stayed on death row for two years, nine months and 26 days, until the California Supreme Court struck down the death penalty as cruel and unusual punishment; California voters later restored capital punishment, but Sirhan, like the other prisoners on death row at the time of the court decision, was permanently reprieved. He was transferred to Soledad, which sits like a row of great white dice amid the vineyards and lettuce fields, about 120 miles south of San Francisco.

He reads Arabic journals in his cell: Al Ahram, a daily Egyptian newspaper; Palastine Al-Muhalleb, the official organ of the PLO (the name means "Occupied Palestine"). He listens to classical music on the radio, and talk shows — he likes the sound of voices. He loves the great Arabic alto Umm Kulthum, who used to sing rich, slow, two-hour laments of religious fervor and unrequited love, but he has not had a record player since he left death row. A departing prisoner at Soledad gave him a portable black-and-white television, which had been broken for about eight months; before it broke, Sirhan says, he used to watch a lot of public television, especially the English dramas. He liked "I Claudius" and "Upstairs, Downstairs." "The Forsyte Saga" was his favorite.

"They have me going to college, as they call it here," Sirhan says, with a hint of mockery in the word college. He has already studied oceanography, business economics and social science 139, entitled "Molding American Values." He is currently taking cultural geography and an anthropology class specializing in Mexico. The subject of Israel was raised in his cultural geography class. "Superficially" Sirhan says. "I abstained (from) any involvement in that discussion." He smiles. "It was very heated."

Sirhan Sirhan was 24 years old, three years over what was then voting age, when he murdered the man who might have been president of the United States. It took him less than 30 seconds, and a second hand revolver that retailed for \$31.95. Does he think about the presidency, in the walled-in quiet of his California prison cell?

Does he ever connect that evening, that gun, that one quick lunge and the cry that made close heads turn, Kennedy, you son of a bitch — does he link that moment to Richard Nixon's years in office, to Vietnam, to the anti-war movement, to the opening of relations with China, to the first presidential resignation in the nation's history, to the long loud silence into 1976?

"To paraphrase Jesse Unruh, who opposed the establishment of my parole date," Sirhan says, "he was saying that if Sirhan did not kill Robert Kennedy, we would not have had Watergate."

He is quoted on his matter in the Playboy piece. "I asked Sirhan," Falzone told his interviewer. "If you were angry because the U.S. supported Israel, why didn't you kill the president, kill LBJ? He started to tremble, those dark eyes popping, and he said, 'Don't you understand, I did kill the president. Kennedy would have been president. And he was that pro-Israel when he wasn't president, imagine how he would be as president. So I decided to change history.' "

Sirhan says he never read the Playboy piece, but he heard about it as it was passed around the prison, and that it is all libelous lies. "He concocted a pretty damn good story, and it was all phony," he says.

And he does not want to talk about the power of political assassins. He believes it is dangerous. He gets letters, sometimes, which he prefers not to discuss in detail — but they are letters that suggest others have watched him and studied what he did, and thought about doing it to themselves. He does not answer the letters. He tears them up. He says they distract him.

He also says he cannot entertain social and political what-ifs — not publicly, anyway. "I regard myself as being a disenfranchised person," he says. "I have no right to discuss that."

Disenfranchise: to disenfranchise... to dispossess of the rights of a citizen or of a privilege, as a voting, holding office, etc.

— Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 1961

Mary Sirhan, voice quickening, the eyes rolled softly in the Arabic way: "He was a victim all his life, since he was a baby and a child, and when he was growing up, till he was 13 years of age in Jerusalem, all he has seen, he never had a childhood, never was happy, never laughed, all he has seen is fear, hunger, dying, human beings in pieces, it's hard enough for a big man but for a child — and we came here. And look what happened to him."

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was born in Jerusalem, the son of a Christian Arab employee of the public works department. Palestine had been under British mandate since 1920, when the World War I Allied forces divided up the Ottoman Empire; Sirhan's father, whose family came from a village near Jerusalem called Taibeh, worked with apparent loyalty for the British Mandatory Government. The family was Greek Orthodox, and lived just outside Musrara, a middle-class mixed Arab and Jewish quarter, in a ground-floor apartment that looked out onto a small yard with pine trees.

Sirhan was a baby in a city rumbling into civil war. Jewish immigration to Palestine had soared during the years of the Holocaust, despite the British government's 1939 declaration limiting the number of Jews who could legally enter the country, and by 1945 — a year after Sirhan was born — Palestinian Jews had been agitating violently for increased Jewish immigration quotas. The British handled the whole problem to the United Nations, which recommended that the nation be partitioned into separate Arab and Jewish states.

The U.N. resolution passed in November 1947. The British withdrew from Palestine on May 14, 1948. In the intervening months, according to both his parents, the boy Sirhan watched the fury that was ripping Jerusalem in two, watched the bombing of Damascus Gate, where a crowd of Arabs had gathered to wait for the bus. Mary Sirhan, in an earlier interview, remembered her son saying, "Mamma, the bomb came down and made the people's blood run down there at Damascus Gate."

Mary Sirhan says he watched shooting, watched dynamite bombing, watched the death of his older brother, watched the dismemberment of a man, close up. "The bomb came and hit, and made a big ditch in the floor, and came up, and that man and his stomach and all the things in his stomach were brought out to the ground. And Sirhan was there, and many other children were there also, and they came running to me, and they said, 'Sirhan is lying on the ground'... He wasn't hurt but he was fainting because of fear."

In May 1948, according to Sirhan's mother, the family left the Musrara apartment during a pre-dawn lull in the fighting over the newly divided Jerusalem. They fled — leaving their belongings behind. Mary Sirhan says — to an Arab-sector house which,



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U.S. cancels major section of its oil reserve program

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (R) — The United States Thursday canceled an important part of its program to stockpile oil to guard against any sudden difficulty in obtaining imports.

The Energy Department said because of tightness in world supplies it was withdrawing, at least temporarily, its request to industry to store oil.

The United States had intended to store one billion barrels of oil with the Energy Department stockpiling 600 million barrels and industry providing the rest.

The government, which halted its purchases for the stockpile last November during the Iranian crisis, said 90 million barrels were now in storage.

The Energy Department said it was evaluating the oil reserve program and was studying the best way of achieving the goal of one billion barrels in storage in the light of the present world market.

Carter

Meanwhile, President Carter Thursday night rejected suggestions that he should solve the energy crisis by cutting the defense budget by 10 percent and using the money to develop solar power.

At a frequently boisterous town meeting marked by severe heckling in Tampa, Florida, he said U.S. security had a higher priority than even the fight against inflation or energy.

Kerosene to Iran defended by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (R) — The U.S. State Department Thursday defended a controversial government decision to send a shipment of kerosene and heating fuel to oil-rich Iran.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter, commenting on a press report quoting the head of Iran's National Oil Company as saying Iran did not need the shipment, said the U.S. decision was still justified.

Hassan Nazif of the Iranian National Oil Company was quoted by the Washington Star as saying that with a new refinery at Isfahan beginning production soon, Iran would not need the oil.

He added, according to the report, that Iran might resell the U.S. oil for a higher price than it paid.

Spokesman Carter said Thursday that the uncertainties over supplies of kerosene and heating oil in Iran that led to the sale still existed.

"Helping Iran meet what appears to be its needs does have the effect of helping to assume the availability of (Iranian) crude oil for this country," he added.

Bonn confident economy will expand to end of year

BONN, West Germany Aug. 31 (AP) — The West German government said Thursday it remains confident its economy will continue growing for the rest of the year.

Trawlermen feared lost in Atlantic

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 31 (R) — Thirty-eight fisherman are missing, presumed drowned after their Panamanian-registered trawler was in collision with a Dutch bulk carrier off the West African coast the Dutch ship's owners said Thursday.

The 499-ton trawler Panto Number 81 sank immediately after the early morning collision Wednesday north of Dakar, Senegal, a spokesman for the Van Ommeren line said.

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9	Arinash II	Alwani	Dura	28/8/79
10	Adri Star	Alwani	Bulk Cement	22/8/79
11	Mini Leo	Gulf	Timber	21/8/79
12	Jonian Carrier	Relaco	Containers	29/8/79
13	Sorinda	Relaco	Bulk Cement	14/8/79
14	Tosha	Alsebach	Bulk Cement	28/8/79
15	Silk	Alsebach	Bulk Cement	28/8/79
16	Phaedra II	MTA	General	23/8/79
17	George 2"	BaAboud	Dura	26/8/79
18	Nafta 2"	O.C.E.	Reefers	26/8/79
19	Nafta 3"	A.E.T.	Wool	23/8/79
20	Golden Eagle	S.C.S.A.	Gen.Sci.Timber.Cira.	24/8/79
21	Jerry Everett	MESA	Fruit	20/8/79
22	Ocean Freezer	O.C.E.	Frof. Chickens	17/8/79
23	Alpha Conveyor	Algaselbi	Ro Ro Units	29/8/79
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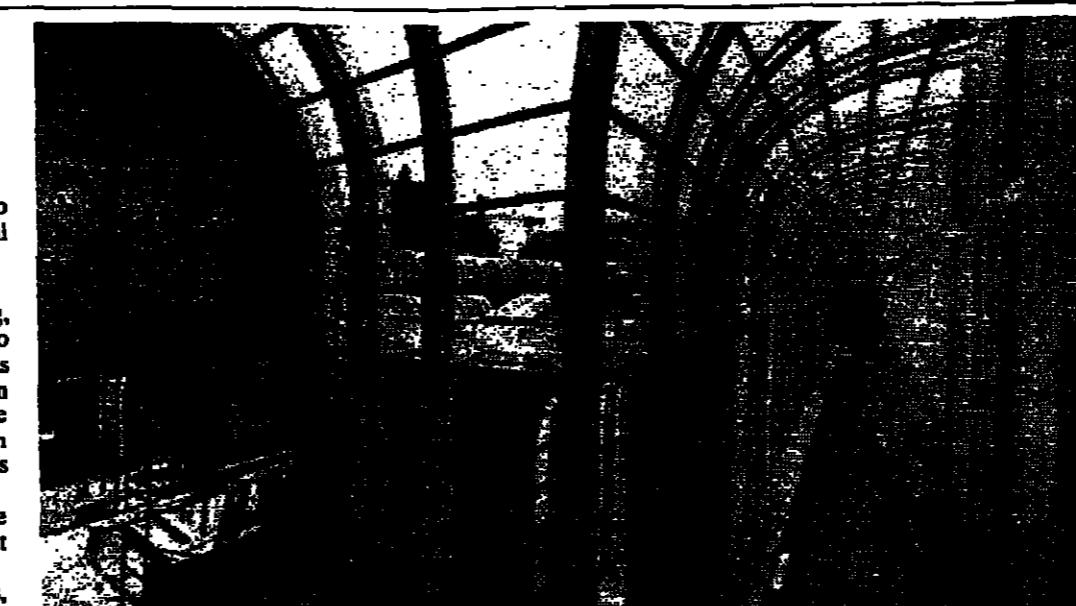
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4	Rain Frost	S.M.C.	Loading Urea	4.8.79
5	Margaretha Varsk	Gulf	Frozen Chicken	29.8.79
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7	Concordia Star	S.E.A.	General	28.8.79
8	Hope Well	Kanoo	General	27.8.79
9	Eastern Wave (D.B.)	Alsebach	Cement In Bags	21.8.79
10	Sea Foxer	U.E.P.	General	24.8.79
11	Matrice Trader	U.E.P.	Gen.Cement	25.8.79
12	Dona Rossana	U.E.P.	Barley In Bags	28.8.79
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4	John Gregor	Alinaz	"	26.8.79
5	Ocean Supply	Arabian	"	28.8.79
6	Sea Speed	Est. For Trade	"	28.8.79
7	2 RECENT ARR.	Algaselbi	Containers	25.8.79

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HALLES' FORUM : Halles' Forum will open its doors in Paris on September 4th. Built on the site of the former Halles' famous market, it will become one of the biggest shopping centers in all Europe, with a surface area of 50,000 square meters (about 12 acres). Halles' Forum will have 200 shops on four floors, three of them underground. It will also include several cinemas, restaurants and a special entrance to the Paris Metro. Picture above shows workers putting the finishing touches to the center, getting everything ready for the grand opening.

Delegation delays return

U.S.-Mexican gas deal stalled

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 31 (AP)

U.S. Undersecretary of State Warren Christopher, deadlocked in negotiations to buy Mexican natural gas, delayed his scheduled return to Washington on Thursday to continue talks with Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda.

Christopher, No. 2 man in the State Department, led a delegation to the Mexican capital late Tuesday for all-day talks Wednesday on issues including gas sales, illegal Mexican immigration to the United States, and bilateral trade.

The two communities are quarreling over charges by black leaders that Mr. Young, the first black to head the U.S. mission at the United Nations had been Israel's scapegoat because of his meeting with a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"Both groups have suffered too much pain, too much persecution, too much bigotry to compound that suffering in any way," he said when he dedicated a new chapel at Emory University.

Portugal will buy Nigerian oil

LISBON, Aug. 31 (R) — Portugal's state oil company said Friday it had signed a contract with the Nigerian National Petroleum company (NNPC) to buy 500,000 tons of Nigerian crude a year worth about \$ 90 million.

The optimistic report was released a day after Chancellor Helmut Schmidt forecast continued growth in the nation's economy this year.

Speaking in Cologne, Schmidt said he saw no reason to reduce individual or corporate taxes to stimulate growth.

In the report, the ministry sought to calm fears of rising inflation, fueled primarily by the oil price increases.

Hopes of new oil find seen

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (131)

A geological feature that contains large oil deposits in Mexico extends beneath the Gulf of Mexico and off the U.S. Atlantic coast, offering hope of new oil finds in those areas, the director of the U.S. Geological Survey said Thursday.

But the promising area lies under deep Atlantic waters, making exploration difficult.

Director H. William Menard said the best place to look for oil in the Atlantic offshore areas seems to be about 140 miles off New Jersey.

Menard described the prospects for offshore oil at a Presidential Energy Technology Seminar in Atlanta, Georgia. His remarks were issued in Washington by the Geological Survey, an agency of the Interior Department.

Energies lose strength in oils

After variable opening Dow turns positive

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 — After opening on the plus side the market chattered throughout the remainder of the day. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost .77 to 884.64, Dow Jones Industrial Transport fell .73 to 269.38, and Dow Jones Industrial Utilities down .17 to 108.69.

Volume of trading for the day was 29.5 million shares. Breadth was on the negative side as declines led advances 742 to 663.

Growth and glamour turned in a mixed performance with Lilly off .50 to 56 1/2, Pfizer up 1/2 to 35 1/2, Burroughs gained 1/2 to 74, Motorola lost 1/2 to 49, and Kodak

dropped 1/2 to 58.

Energy issues were negative with Getty Oil down 1 to 60 1/2, Mesa Petrol gained 1 1/2 to 67 1/2, Std. Oil of Ohio fell 2 1/2 to 66 1/2, Mobil lost 7/8 to 42 1/2, on up 7/8 to 78 1/2.

Industry sector National Steel gained 1/2 to 34 1/2, Lone Star off 7/8 to 24 1/2, and Gibraltar Financial up 1/2 to 16 1/2.

Auto and machinery issues were mixed and little changed with the exception of Bucyrus Erie up 1/2 to 11 1/2.

Gambling stocks were higher with Bally up 1/2 to 40 1/2, and Caesars World up 1 1/2 to 25 1/2.

Among the aerospace, airlines, and rails, General Dynamics up 1/2 to 41 1/2, Delta lost 1/2 to 4 1/2, Burlington Northern down 1/2 to 63 1/2, and Southern added 1/2 to 56 1/2.

Automobiles were higher with Ford up 1/2 to 40 1/2, and GM up 1/2 to 25 1/2.

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Gulf currents moving oil away from Texas

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Aug. 31 (AP) — U.S. Coast Guardsmen and scientists hailed as "great news" Thursday reports that shifting Gulf of Mexico currents are flowing south and carrying some oil from the world's largest

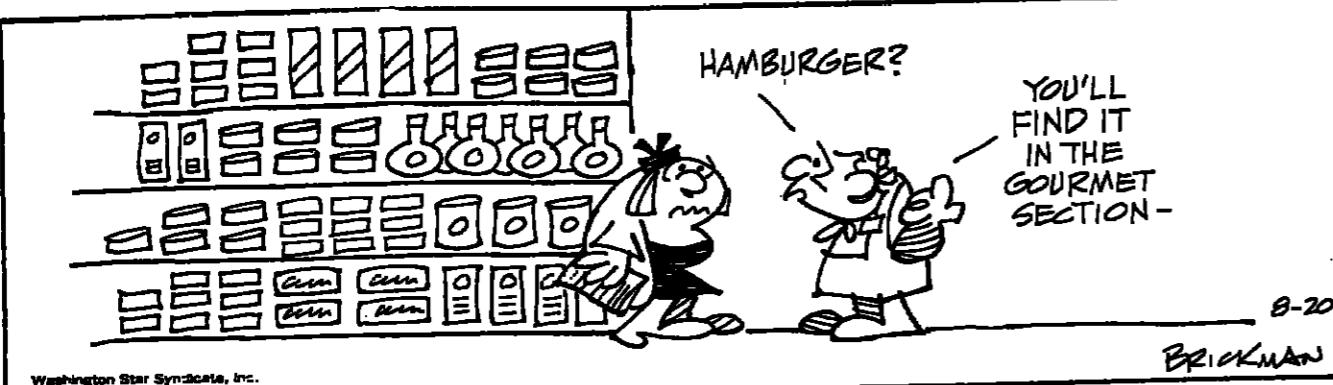
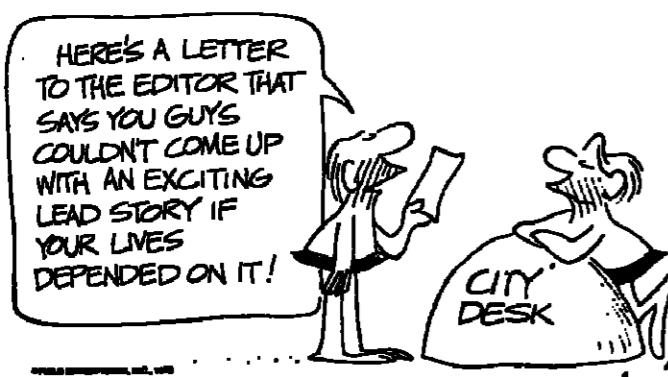
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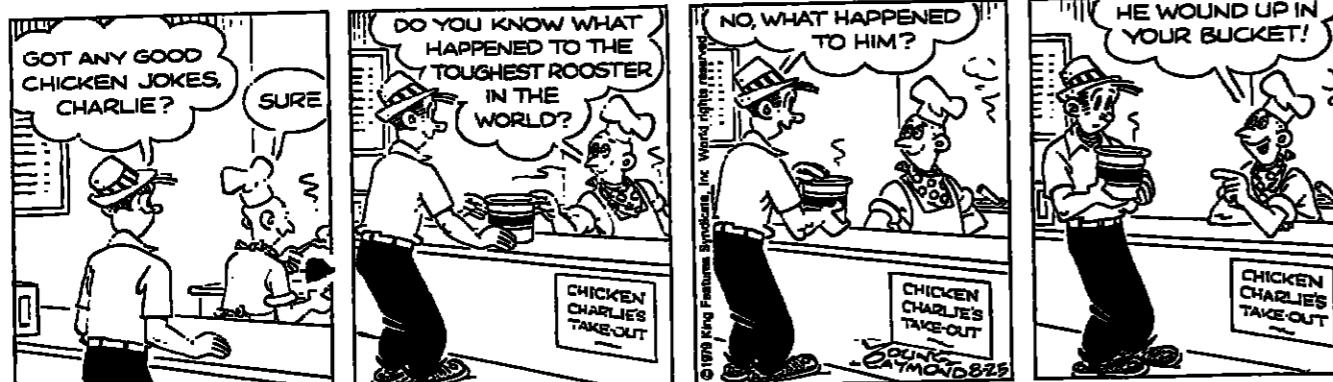
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by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Lesser 4 Taste
6 Escaped 5 Sensation
11 Kind of chair 6 Convincing
12 Florida City 7 "du lieber"
13 Take flight 8 Ex talk-show
15 Let have 16 Crocodiles
17 Jewel 18 Ultimatum
22 Coat slit 25 Color
26 Dennis 26 Likewise
27 The Menace's 27 Type of look
mother 28 Festival
29 Kind of 29 Actor
eclipse 30 Dress fabric
31 Floor covering 31 Terpsichorean
32 Set right 32 Make naked
33 Dull-witted 33 Marceau, e.g.
34 Floor 34 "Lothengrin"
35 Right 35 "Lohengrin"
36 Meek 36 "Understood
37 Jutting rock 37 Work hard
38 Flightless 38 In Nice
bird 39 "With
40 Toward"
41 Be daunted 42 Melodramatic
42 Sifting 43 Polynesian
device 44 "Understood
47 Duffer's 45 Bikini time
digging 46 Tree
48 Growing 47 Work hard
outward 48 Bikini time
DOWN
1 Pack 1 Work hard
2 Put money 2 In Nice
down 3 Reheat
3 Actress 4 Reheat

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE
SOMEBODY: NOBODY WANTS TO GROW... GOEITE

Contract Bridge : B. Jay Becker

Once Upon a Time

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ J 8 5
♦ Q J 10 4
♦ A Q 10 8 5WEST
♦ K 9 5 4 2
♦ 7 4 3
♦ 5
♦ 6 2EAST
♦ Q 7 6 3
♦ 10 5 2
♦ K 8 3
♦ K 7SOUTH
♦ A 8
♦ A K Q
♦ A 9 7 5 2
♦ 9 4 3

The bidding:

South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass

3 NT

Opening lead - five of spades.

Once upon a time, many years ago, there lived a jackass who was not a particularly good bridge player but who, like many others of his ilk, considered himself to be a really top-notch expert.

He was playing at the club one day against a pair of pigeons when this deal came up. The jackass was South, playing with an albatross, and he should have bid one notrump originally (instead of one diamond). This would have avoided the rebid problem that could have arisen if the albatross had responded to the

diamond bid with one heart or one spade.

But, luckily, the albatross responded two clubs. As a result, the jackass was now able to portray both his high-card strength and his distribution by bidding two notrump.

The albatross was far from enthusiastic about playing the hand in notrump with a singleton spade, so he bid three diamonds to warn his partner against notrump. But the jackass persisted with his bid and the pigeon on his left led the five of spades.

The jackass took East's queen of spades with the ace and said that his best chance by far was to rely on a successful diamond finesse. So, at trick two, he led a club to the ace, planning to finesse the queen of diamonds at trick three. But the pigeon on his right had been doing some cogitating of his own, and on dummy's ace of clubs he dropped his king!

This led the jackass to conclude that West had been dealt the J-7-6-2 of clubs.

Accordingly, the jackass abandoned his original plan of campaign. He played a heart to the ace, led the nine of clubs and finessed. The pigeon on his right took the nine with the jack, returned a spade, and the jackass went down two.

It's getting so that you can't even trust a pigeon these days!

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYERS TIMES

Saturday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:50	6:02	12:28	3:52	6:40	8:10
Medina	4:48	6:06	12:30	3:57	4:44	8:14
Nejd	4:19	5:40	12:37	3:26	6:13	7:43

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4:30 Childrens Show	Sesame St : 1165, Carolines Corner : Importance of mother
5:50 Animal Secrets	Jack Kramer
6:13 Gr. Sports Legends	Somebody Just Walked
6:34 Randall & Hopkirk	Over my grave
7:22 Lifeline	Dr. Theodore Kurze
8:20 Theater of Stars	Runaway
9:06 Second Run	The Likely Lads

WEATHER

Most parts of Saudi Arabia are still under the influence of the air depression. Dense clouds with positively charged particles will cause rain in the northern, central and western areas as well as the western and southwestern highlands.

Winds will blow easterly at active speed, raising sand.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be calm to choppy.

Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	42	30	Tibuk	41	24
Jeddah	36	30	Turaif	39	23
Riyadh	42	27	Rafha	43	25
Dhahran	37	27	Bisha	37	20
Medina	43	29	Sulayil	41	24
Taif	35	20	Abha	29	16

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2:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 S.A. - Historical Notes
2:20 On Islam
2:30 Hits in Germany
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Islamic Activities
3:30 Leaps and Bounds
3:40 Music
3:50 Close Down
Evening Transmission
10:00 Opening

P.M.

8:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities:
Opinion; Analyses
8:30 Dateline
9:00 Special English:
News; Feature; The
Making of a Nation
News Summary
9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
10:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities

10:05 Opening: Analyses
News Summary
10:30 VOC Magazine:
America; Science;
Cultural; Letter
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight
12:00 News newsmakers'
voices correspondents
reports background
features media comments
news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission
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8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsdesk
9:30 Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 Tony Myatt
1:15 Ulster in Focus
1:30 Discovery
2:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain
2:15 Alphabet of Musical
Curios
2:30 Sports International
2:40 Radio Newsdesk
3:15 Promenade Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News

4:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
News Summary
4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
5:15 Report on Religion
6:00 Radio Newsdesk
6:15 Outlook
7:00 World News
7:09 Commentary
7:15 Sherlock Holmes
7:45 World Today
8:00 World News
8:09 Books and Writers
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10:45 Ulster Focus
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11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
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1:09 World Today
1:25 Financial News
1:35 Book Choice
1:40 Reflections
1:45 Sports Round-up
2:00 World News
2:09 Commentary
2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake



FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1975

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to April 19) Mixing business with pleasure is not recommended now. However, you can make important progress on a career related endeavor.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A close ally or loved one may not be in the mood to join in the fun and games, but talking things out will lead to harmony.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Little problems could crop up re joint expenditures. However, the overall prospect for harmony is good. Listen to the advice of elders.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A loved one may quickly tire of a planned entertainment. Still, alternative plans should be pleasing to all concerned.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Upset feelings may start, but later things go according to plan. New ideas re work and finances are workable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A friend could jar your feelings, but otherwise you'll enjoy yourself traveling or making plans for the future. Watch expenses.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Avoid a premature discussion of plans. Others could talk you out of an idea before your mind's made up. Work from the scenes.

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Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

About two weeks ago, a Washington friend called *Arab News* to congratulate the two Bureau Chiefs, Bob Lebling and Fawz al Asmar on their massive funds. Their surprised inquiries credited from him the information that the press release of U.S. Department of Commerce in 1979, listing foreign investments, has credit us with \$ 9.8 million and gave our ownership to the Saudi government.

Bob quickly contacted our publishers in Jeddah and me in London, pointing out to the misinformation and its possible consequences. As I had been arguing with Bob over the sum of \$ 200 for office expense accounts, only two days before, he could not resist the opportunity of decrying my meanness when we are all in fact so rich.

We asked the Washington office to make an official representation to the Department of Commerce to demand correction, and to take the case to court if this was not promptly given. We are a private company and not a government information bureau, and we have no money in the United States except an account which never exceeds \$ 3000. This covers office expenses, with salaries being paid by the administration office in Houston.

Quite frankly, we smelled a rat. The significance of making us into an extension of the official Saudi information effort, and endowing with such a fabulous fortune, could not have escaped whoever made this simple "mistake."

Our Washington office yesterday sent us the Department of Commerce's answer, the text of which the reader will find below. The letter is signed by Hilton Berger, Director of the Office of Foreign Investment, apologizing for the errors and offering explanations.

While honor, as they say, cannot but be satisfied with the apology, the explanations are somewhat lame. The figure of \$ 9.8 million, the letter says, ought to have been next to Zenith Laboratories Inc. (that is Zenith with a Zee, dear reader, as opposed to *Arab News* with an Al) Somehow it jumped to where our modest asset figure should have been. As to our being a Saudi government concern, this was attributed to reports "in the local press." Well, we were not mentioned in the "local press." Indeed what "local press" the department had in mind is not mentioned.

Berger has, in any case, apologized, and the mistakes were corrected in a later edition of his publication. We lost our fictitious \$ 10m bank account, but at least we have maintained our professional good name.

Translated from *Aschar Al-Awsat*.

U.S. issues apology on *Arab News* listing

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 — The U.S. Department of Commerce has apologized to *Arab News* Chairman Hisham Hafiz for two errors in the description of *Arab News* in its June press release on 1978 foreign direct investment transactions.

The press release incorrectly gave the government of Saudi Arabia as the principal owner of *Arab News* and wrongly listed the newspaper's assets.

The apology was as follows.

"Mr. Robert Lebling, Washington Bureau Chief of *Arab News* has brought to our attention two errors in the listing of your publication *Arab News* in our June 15, 1979 press release on 1978 foreign direct investment transactions for the first half of 1978.

The \$9.8 million listing in the U.S. company assets column of *Arab News* should appear in the assets column of Zenith Laboratories Inc., the company which immediately precedes *Arab News* on the list. This was a mechanical error that occurred during preparations of the text for reduction and photography.

The second error was the listing of the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as the principal owner of *Arab News* and was based on information obtained from local press reports.

The necessary corrections are now being made on our tables and in the office of foreign investment in the United States data base.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience or misunderstanding these errors may have caused. We have exercised considerable precautions to avoid errors in our listings, and we shall be taking special care in the future to avoid further mistakes of this nature.

If your company or one of your publications should again appear to be eligible for inclusion in our list, a member of my staff will be happy to review the listing with Mr. Lebling or any member of your organization you may care to designate."

Arab News has received a copy of the revised listing.

In a statement in response to the Commerce Department letter, *Arab News* Chairman Hisham Hafiz noted that the newspaper is published by Saudi Research and Marketing Co., which is a limited liability company established in 1972 with a capital of SR6.5 million.

It is registered in the Company Register of the Saudi Ministry of Commerce, which is open for public inspection. The joint responsible owners are Hisham and Mohammed Ali Hafiz.

Hafiz noted that Saudi Research and Marketing owns the Medina Printing and Publishing Company — one of the oldest and largest Saudi printing and publishing concerns — in addition to *Arab News*.

Hisham and Mohammed Hafiz entered the field of journalism in the footsteps of their father, Sheikh Ali Hafiz and their uncle, Othman Hafiz, who jointly started "Al Medina" newspaper about 50 years ago. The family has remained in the field of journalism since that time.

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Caribbean storm death toll climbing

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Aug. 31 (AP) — Hurricane David devastated the tiny Caribbean island of Dominica, killing at least 16 people and leveling virtually all the houses in the capital, Roseau, Prime Minister Oliver Seraphin said Thursday.

"There are very few roofs remaining and very few buildings standing" in Roseau, he said, and predicted the death toll would go "much higher" in "the worst disaster we have had in living memory."

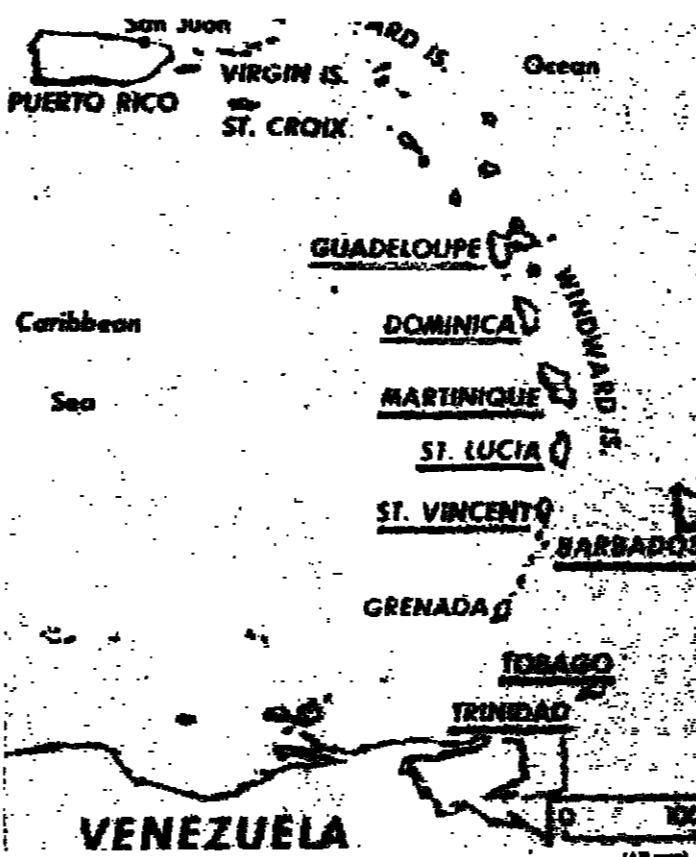
The storm, one of the most dangerous of the century, flattened vital banana crops on Dominica and the neighboring islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe on Wednesday, then headed northwest Thursday toward the southern coast of Puerto Rico and Hispaniola Island, shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Authorities said the hurricane center was passing 160 kilometers south of Puerto Rico and Hispaniola late Thursday, but evacuated low-lying coastal areas as a precaution.

Forecasters warned that hurricanes often behave erratically, and David could shift course.

Winds within the storm were clocked at 240 kilometers per hour. Sustained winds of up to 118 kilometers per hour extended 80 kilometers in all directions, and steady gale force winds up to 100 kilometers per hour radiated at least 160 kilometers from the center.

On Dominica, Seraphin broadcast an international appeal for aid, and ordered government buildings, schools and churches



HURRICANE'S WAKE : Hurricane David hit Martinique, Dominica and Guadeloupe Thursday and continued Friday, leaving at least 16 dead and thousands homeless behind.

in the central Caribbean. Banana and citrus exports make up 70 per cent of Dominica's gross national product, and loss of the crop could cripple the island's reconstruction efforts.

Seraphin said damage was most severe to fishing villages along the southern coast, where 90 to 95 per cent of the buildings were destroyed. He surveyed portions of the 470-square kilometer island on a helicopter from the British frigate *HMS Fife*, which arrived at Roseau Thursday.

Sailors from the *Fife* immediately began to repair the roof of the Princess Margaret Hospital, which blew off Wednesday leaving the island without a major health care facility, according to amateur radio broadcasts monitored in Barbados and by ham operator Louis Bloch of Cleveland.

Seraphin said electric power, water and communications had been knocked out by the hurricane. But private airplanes began to airlift supplies into Dominica's only airport Thursday afternoon, said Al Jilkes, who piloted one of the craft from Barbados.

Hurricane David injured 30 people and left hundreds homeless on Martinique, the French Office of Overseas Territories said Thursday in Paris.

French officials said the storm injured 15 people and destroyed the homes of hundreds on Guadeloupe. Hurricane winds leveled more than half the important export banana crop on all three islands, authorities said.

Paul Djoudj, French minister for overseas territories, was flying to the islands Friday to determine the amount of government aid Guadeloupe and Martinique will need, a spokesman said.

Telephone lines were down to most islands in the eastern Caribbean, the Puerto Rico Telephone Company said. A government spokesman in Paris said electric power was out and roads were badly flooded on the north-east coast of Martinique and the southwest shore of Guadeloupe.

The U.S. National Weather Service reported at 1900 GMT the storm was centered near latitude 16.5 north and longitude 66.6 west, and was headed northwest at 20 kilometers an hour.

Forecasters said that course would carry the storm about 160 kilometers south of Ponce, Puerto Rico's second largest city, and they were "reasonably certain" that hurricane force winds would not strike the island.

Heavy seas and gale force winds of more than 80 kilometers per hour lashed Ponce and other areas on the southern coast, forcing evacuation of low-lying areas.



AID MISSION : Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko talks with French President Karl Carstens Wednesday during Mobutu's visit to Bonn in search of new aid shipments for his African state.

World War II anniversary marked by Germany, Soviet

BONN, Aug. 31 (R) — West Germany pledged itself to peace and detente Friday on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II.

In messages to the nation, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and other leaders expressed shame and horror at Hitler's crimes.

The chancellor said West Germany's reconciliation with France and its ties with Communist Eastern Europe are proof that it took its post-war responsibilities seriously.

In an order of the day to be read on the anniversary of Germany's attack on Poland, defense Minister Hans Apel said the World War II killed 50 million people, caused immeasurable suffering to millions and divided Germany.

West Germany has now renounced violence and its troops under NATO seek only to serve peace, he said.

In Moscow, the Soviet official daily *Pravda* said the allied powers were largely to blame for World War II and suggested the West had not yet learned its lesson.

In a long article to mark the 40th anniversary of the outbreak of war, *Pravda* set out the Soviet argument that France, Britain and the United States had encouraged Hitler with the hope that he would turn on the Soviet Union.

"The fact that the military conflict in 1939 took place between two capitalist groupings does not alter the anti-Soviet direction of the pre-war policies of the leading imperialist powers," *Pravda* said.

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